

**Fire Safety Code Board  
Of Appeal and Review  
Hearing Minutes September 20, 2011**

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Walker, Jasparro, Sylvester, Burlingame and Richard. Commissioners Pearson, Blackburn and Jackson were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.**

**The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL #110139: Mr. Ralph Ciummo, for the property located at 66 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag. ADSFM Thomas Fagan appeared for the Pascoag Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant's request to not provide sprinklers in this facility. As a condition of this relief, the second floor of this facility cannot be occupied. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #110195: Eastgate Nursing Center, for the property located at 198 Waterman Avenue in East Providence. DSFM Robert Couture appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker**

recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to present a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of any outstanding deficiencies in this facility, and an additional 150 days in which to implement that plan. The State Fire Marshal's Office has the authority to extend the above deadlines for good faith being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #110186:** Ms. Debra McCarron, for the property located at 1169 Putnam Pike in Chepachet. ADSFM Paul Desnoyers appeared for the Chepachet Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to present a plan of action for the installation of a fire alarm in this facility, and an additional 150 days in which to complete the work. The Chepachet Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend the above timelines for good faith being shown by the Applicant. The Applicant is further granted a variance in order to not install a lock box on the outside of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #090141:** Mr. Daniel Wolfe, for the property located at 24 Ames Street in Coventry. Chief Robert Seltzer and ADSFM David Godin appeared for the Central Coventry Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant the following relief.

**The Applicant is granted a variance based on structural hardship for the existing cited winding stairs. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to present a plan of action for the installation of a fire alarm in this facility, and an additional 120 days in which to implement that plan. The Central Coventry Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend the above timelines for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #110188: Mr. Brian Steverman, for the property located at 40 Reservoir Road in Coventry. Chief Robert Seltzer and ADSFM David Godin appeared for the Central Coventry Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi, to allow the Applicant to complete the fire alarm upgrade in this facility (Coventry High School) prior to the reopening of the academic year in August/September of 2012. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #110189: Ms. Carol Johnson, for the property located at 360 Kingstown Road in Narragansett. Chief of Inspections Scott Caron and Deputy State Fire Marshals Foley and Couture appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that this facility be reinspected and the parties return to the Board on October 25, 2011. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #110185: Facilities Manager Mandy Crow, for the property located at 1950 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. Deputy State Fire Marshal Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a time variance of one (1) year to bring this facility into compliance with the Fire Code. The State Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend the above deadline for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.**

**Old Business: Mr. Ramzi Loqa appeared for the property located at 170 Westminster Street in Providence, requesting clarification from a previous decision (file 110081), and asking that the first floor restaurant be able to utilize the basement for storage purposes. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, approving that request. The motion was unanimous.**

**Old Business: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to approve Chapter 25 (three-family dwellings) as presented. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Carol Marsella**